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(e) what are the districts in which the Superintendents of Police are Brahmans; and

(f) how many Brahman candidates have been selected from those districts?

A.—(a) 86.

(b) 24.

(c) If the hon. Member has in view the general communal principle fixing the order in which candidates from each community should be appointed, the hon. Member is informed that that principle has not yet been applied to the Madras Police Subordinate Service and that special rules for this service embodying that principle are under consideration. The only communal Government Order applying at present to the service is G.O. No. 613, Public, dated 16th September 1921, extending to all departments of Government the principle in Board's Standing Order No. 128 (2) that no particular community or communities should be allowed to preponderate in the public service. The hon. Member will see that this principle has been observed in the selections for 1929-30 so far as the Presidency as a whole is concerned.

(d) The Government have no information.

(e) Anantapur, South Madura, Nellore, Chingleput, South Arcot and Ramnad.

(f) The Government have no information.

Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu:—"May I ask when the hon. the Home Member is going to apply the communal Government Order to the Police Services?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"As it is stated in the answer, the question is under consideration."

Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu:—"May I know when he is likely to finish his consideration?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I cannot say."

Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu:—"Will the hon. Member call for the information asked for in clauses (d) to (f)?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"Yes, Sir."

Irrigation

Improvement to the Periyar system.

* 1745 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the Council table a statement showing—

(a) the various improvements to the Periyar system of irrigation between 1915—28;

(b) the cost incurred thereon;

(c) the total income realized every year by the sale of Crown grant waste lands in public auction ; and

(d) the extent of land given freely to Kallar, Pallar, poor Muslims and other depressed classes between 1915—28 ?

A.—The Government have not the information.

Mr. K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar :—" May I ask whether the Government will call for the information ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" No, Sir ; it will involve a great deal of trouble and time to collect the information."

Subsidy to the Travancore Darbar for lands occupied by the Periyar lake.

* 1746 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar : (1) Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place on the table the entire papers regarding the annual subsidy paid to the Travancore Darbar for the land occupied by Periyar lake and (2) what is the total area acquired from the Travancore Government ?

A.—(1) The Government do not think it would serve any useful purpose to place papers on the table. The hon. Member will find information about the project in Mackenzie's " History of the Periyar Project."

(2) About 8,000 acres.

Mr. K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar :—" May I know the amount paid to the Travancore Government ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" The amount was originally Rs. 40,000 a year ; it was raised to Rs. 42,965 a year in 1901."

Mr. K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar :—" May I ask whether the Government are paying a fixed amount annually ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" Yes, Sir."

Silting up of the Godavari river bed near the railway bridge.

* 1747 Q.—Mr. A. Harischandrudu Nayudu : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the loss of revenue incurred by the Government every year during the last five years on account of the silting up of the bed of the Godavari river in the neighbourhood of the Godavari railway bridge ;

(b) whether any attempts have been made to remove the sand thus deposited ; and, if so, when and with what result ; and

(c) whether there is any correspondence between this Government and the Government of India regarding the Godavari railway bridge and its effect on the irrigation of the delta ; and, if so, whether a copy of it can be placed on the table of the House ?

A.—(a) The Government are not aware that there has been any loss of revenue on this account.

(b) Steps have been taken to wash away as far as possible the sand shoals above the railway bridge at Rajahmundry and estimates for Rs. 10,200 and Rs. 4,850 have recently been executed.